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ANNIE SCARES THEM.

Little Mrs. Diggs Says She's the
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AMONG THE WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.

Anna Shaw and Annie Diggs Talk to
the Big Rally—The Topeka Part of
the "Sweep" Ended.

After making converts without number and making good speeches to numerous to mention, the equal suffragists concluded their two days rally with a collection at Hamilton hall last night.

The immense audience Wednesday night was repeated last night, and fortunate were they who got within the door.

Mayor Harrison was the first speaker last night. He was followed by Rev. Anna Shaw. She said: "When the question of equal suffrage was before congress, a Democratic member pointed to the woman's gallery and said, with deep pathos: 'Shall we drag pure, lovely, beautiful women from the pedestal upon which we have placed them, down to our level?' I turned to Miss Anthony and said: 'Susan, did you know men had been worshipping you from a pedestal, all these years?' 'No, but it only goes to show how well men can keep a secret.' If men are as bad as they say, and we are as good as they say, then they are not fit to make laws for us angels. Better let us make the laws for a time, and perhaps in due process we may get the men up on a pedestal. If we get in congress we won't put our hats in our seats and hang ourselves up in the cloakroom."

"Col. Ingersoll says that when women vote, their vote will be controlled by preachers and priests. All right. The ministers represent the best there is in the community, and you men have followed, and are still following worse leaders."

"Everything is blamed on the women. I hear it charged that the reason so many young men get drunk is on account of the brandy their mothers put in their pies. The only thing I can't understand is that it should drive the boys straight to the saloon, and the girls who were brought up at the same table, straight to the prayer meeting."

"Women have helped the men in all their battles for freedom, and now we ask the men to extend the same help we have never been niggardly in giving."

"We have Pilgrim fathers, and forefathers, and revolutionary fathers, and church fathers, and city fathers. That's what is the matter with the country. It is well enough fathered but not enough mothered. What the nation needs is a little mothering."

Mrs. Theresa Jenkins of Wyoming was another speaker. She weighs 194 pounds, and when she said "I have voted eighteen years and lived through it and I come as an example of what suffrage has done," there was no little mirth.

After a collection and music by the mandolin club the following resolution was passed unanimously by the men present. The women by a rising vote expressed their wish for suffrage.

The resolution reads:
"We, citizens of Shawnee county in mass meeting assembled, are hereby
"Resolved, That the political parties

of the state be urged to acknowledge in their respective platforms the justice of the pending amendment and the wisdom of its adoption."

Mrs. Diggs' speech.

Mrs. Annie L. Diggs is no doubt the best known woman speaker in Kansas with the possible exception of Mrs. Lease, and is second to that lady only as an orator. Mrs. Diggs made the most important speech at the meeting yesterday, and it was one of those odd, interesting little speeches such as nobody else could make. People who had never heard her before whispered when she appeared, "Isn't she cute?"

She is, and her speech was "just like her." Among other things Mrs. Diggs said, were:

"There is a man in Topeka who says that if the amendment carries the foundations of society will be shaken and home life will be at an end. We can't feel offended at this statement if a person is so far behind the times as to make it. It only deserves a laugh and our ridicule."

"Any self-respecting woman can go anywhere under the sun unattended, and receive nothing but the most respectful treatment from the men."

"It is said that the women can't vote and go to the polls without neglecting their babies and household duties. I notice that we can go to church, or to the theater, or a circus, or into society without anybody, not even the editors howling about the neglected babies. It doesn't take near as long to go to the polls, but the moment we go there the men for the first time in their lives begin to worry about the little ones."

"What is the use of going over all these old objections to equal suffrage? They are not arguments, they are simply objections. There is not one living argument today. It is said that we can't go to the polls in safety. I have gone a great many times and I would rather go there than to the post-office on a crowded day."

"When I was in Washington I visited the old home of the father of his country at Mt. Vernon. I saw the negro quarters where the slaves used to gather after their work was over and sang, played their banjos, danced their jigs and ate hoe-cake. They were a happy race then. Later, I visited the Washington police court one morning. It seemed to me very much like the old slave auction block. Most of the culprits were colored and many of them were women. The women were asked questions just as shameful and degrading as any ever asked them when they were offered for sale. I also went through the colored slums where it is not safe for a person to go even in the day time without a star and a blue-coat with you. The grand children of those old slaves were there like hunted animals, their hands against every man, plotting mischief and murder. Under these circumstances it seemed to me that the great civil struggle did not accomplish all that was intended. Don't misunderstand me. It would have been awful bad that great struggle with its cost of bloodshed and treasure and heartaches been in vain; but as long as this condition prevails the great question of chattel slavery is not entire settled."

Mrs. Diggs continued:

"Men and women need each other. They inspire one another. God made no mistake when he put us on the same

planet and put boys and girls in the same family. When a man goes to the far west he becomes semi-civilized. Then he sends for the women folks and gets civilized again. Both elements are essential. You men have run the nation a good while and have been only partially successful. The nation has been well fathered, but it hasn't been enough mothered. You are confronted by conditions you admit baffle you. Better let us help you out. We ask for the franchise not because it would be nice to vote. We don't care anything about that. Our reasons are that the country needs all the moral and common sense help it can get."

"There was a time when this country was not fit to live in, and the atmosphere was not fit to breathe. Finally the monsters of the deep left the continent and gave way to a more desirable settlement. These reforms have continued up to the present time, and equal suffrage is the next in this line of evolution."

Mrs. Diggs created some amusement in describing the difference between herself and Mrs. Johns. "Mrs. Johns is the sweet one," she said. "She is the winning one who does the pleading. I have another plan. I am the fierce one. I scare people. The audience greatly enjoyed being frightened by Little Mrs. Diggs."

MRS. LEASE FOR CONGRESS.

What Mrs. Annie Diggs Thinks About I—She Talks About Ingalls.

Mrs. Annie L. Diggs talked to a Journal reporter last evening, and she says she is going to stay in Kansas until women are given the right to vote in all elections. "I believe the amendment will carry. If the parties declare unqualifiedly for the measure we will have a much larger majority than if they do not. As far as the Populists are concerned I can say that I have had assurances from many influential Populists that the plank will be put in their platform, but I know nothing about the Republicans."

"Woman suffrage," remarked Mrs. Diggs, "has been fairly and fully tested in Kansas. For seven years Kansas women have had the municipal ballot. The manner in which they have used their political privileges and the effect thereof have utterly demolished the old stock of objections to woman's enfranchisement. Facts have met adverse theories and shown them no quarter. Senator Ingalls croaked dismally in pre-suffrage days. Women, he said, will be jeered and jostled at the polls. Chivalry will perish for want of exercise. Whilom polite gentlemen will sit doggedly in street cars with a hard, you-women-may-stand-now-you-vote expression upon their faces. Neglected babies, forlorn papas with bottles of soothing syrup, cold victuals, buttonless trousers, undarned socks, general wreckage of home, universal nightmares and chaos—all these direful things did our statesman not then out of a job foreseen and solemnly tell as a result of woman's balloting. Unfulfilled prophecy! Dead theory now, all this stuff. Women voted. The rowdy, riotous voting places became fit for civilized, self-respecting men to approach. The 'fifty-foot law' forbade the briber and corruptor to crowd the space where women went to vote. Men, especially candidates, arose in street cars with much alacrity, and with an I-wonder-for-whom-she-will-vote expression on their chivalric counten-

ances begged women to be seated. Women had somehow acquired the habit of loving their babies, of sewing on buttons, of darning socks—and habit is strong. The Ingalls prophecies are out of a job. There are still homes in Kansas, though a few of them are mortgaged; not, however, by reasons of conditions brought on by women's votes."

"I believe that the political result will be to strengthen the Populist party. Woman suffrage being inherently just and in the line of the free play of nature must result in good in the long run and the large make-up. Nature, as understood up to date, seems to have designed women to be closer to the home side of life than men. Women will, therefore, bring home interests more directly into politics—a something which seems to have been the fatal lack and the great need of these sad, homeless times."

"What do you think of Mrs. Lease being a candidate for congress in the Seventh district?" the JOURNAL man asked.

Mrs. Diggs eyes opened very wide and her little hands went up in protest. "Is it possible that any one thinks seriously of that? I don't want to be interviewed on that subject, for you know I am not a sensationalist. Why it is preposterous," said she with emphasis, "but I can't talk about it."

HAMMER AND CLUB.

Two Young Men Used Them on Each Other Last Evening.

J. J. Philipps and W. L. Hewitt, of North Topeka, were in police court this morning on the charge of disturbing the peace.

Both are young men and had a quarrel yesterday. Hewitt is a blacksmith and last evening Philipps took a good sized club and started out to find Hewitt. He found him in the shop and at once went for him. He struck Hewitt once or twice and then Hewitt grabbed a hammer and threw it at Philipps. When Hewitt reached for another hammer Philipps ran. Hewitt pursued him down Kansas avenue and ran into the arms of a policeman.

Their cases were continued till Monday.

The Gentle Reader.

Charles Dickens once received an invitation to a "Walter Scott" party, each guest being expected to appear in the character of one or the other of Scott's heroes. On the eventful night, however, Dickens appeared in simple evening dress. The host asked him which of Scott's characters he represented. "Why, sir," replied Dickens, "I am a character you will find in every one of Scott's novels. I am the 'gentle reader.'"

Smallest Book in the World.

The smallest book in the world is said to be a new testament. It was printed with type of very small size, which could be used but once, as it was found to be impossible to distribute them after the impression had been printed. The page is an inch long by three-quarters of an inch wide, and the volume, including the covers, is exactly a quarter of an inch thick.

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A TRIPLET OF FIRES.
The Barn Burner Does a Great Deal of Damage.

Three fires in three barns in three hours was the record made last night. The damage will be about \$500 each. The first fire was at 10:25 p. m. It was in the barn of F. P. Baker at 1015 Quincy street. It started in a coal chute. The property is owned by N. R. Baker. Fully insured.

At 11:30 an alarm was received for a fire in the barn of James Moore at 1265 Van Buren st. The fire was incendiary. The only occupant, a Jersey cow, was rescued. The property is owned by William Higgins and nothing is known about the insurance.

At 1:30 the fire was in the barn of C. C. Baker at 723 West Sixth street. The barn was empty or supposed to be. The damage will amount to \$500. Nothing is known about the insurance until Mr. Baker returns from Europe.

Rock Island Route Excursions.
To Wichita and return at one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale May 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th; good to return not later than May 13th.

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